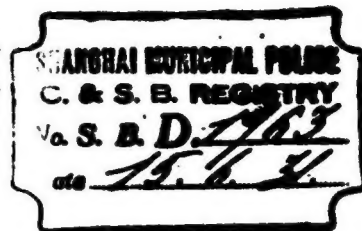


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June 15, 31.

VILLAS

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 13, 1931, I have to inform you that we have no further information about the anonymous letter writer. Any information you may obtain concerning the writer will be welcomed by the Police.

Yours faithfully,

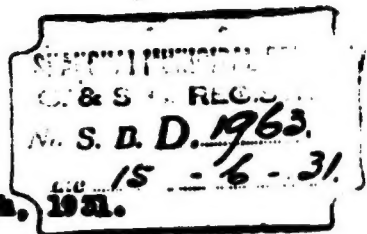
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "L. C. S." or similar.

Deputy Commissioner
(Crime Branch).

G. Villas Esquire,
23 Peking Road,
Shanghai.

23, Peking Road.

Shanghai, June 13th, 1931.



Dear Sir,

I called at your Offices on Feb. 25th, 1931 in order to discuss an anonymous letter received by your department in which the malicious and fantastic accusation that I was poisoning my wife was made. Referring to the letter in question, I shall deem it a favour if you will be so kind as to advise me (1) whether there is any likelihood of the accuser or accusers who wrote it being traced and (2) the Police would be willing to co-operate in private enquiries I intend to make.

It may interest you to know that I have, after strenuous efforts, obtained a deed of separation from Mrs. Villas on April 23th, 1931.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. Aiers

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Shanghai Municipal Council.

SEANONAL CONFIDENTIAL
C. & S. B. REG. S...
No. S. B. D. 1963
File 27 - 2 - 31

February 27, 31.

Dear Mr. Ward,

In reply to your note concerning the anonymous letter sent to the Police concerning Mr. Villas I regret I cannot let you have a photograph of the document which is a portion of our confidential file but our enquiry to identify the writer will continue. So far as I can see at present Mr. Villas has ~~nothing to worry about.~~ nothing to worry about.

Yours truly,

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H.L. Ward Esquire,
Platt & Co.,
23 Peking Road.

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HERBERT LIPSON WARD.
ARTHUR ERNEST SEDDON.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"RETSAM, SHANGHAI"
CODES -

A.B.C. (5TH & 6TH), BENTLEY'S (NEW) & WESTERN UNION

23, PEKING ROAD,

D. 1963.
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SHANGHAI,

February 27th 1934

Dear Mr. Aiers,

My clerk, Mr. George Villa, has shown to me of his letter with his wife. Could you let me have a photostatic copy of the anonymous letter which I understand is in the hands of the Police. It might assist my clerk in tracing the author.

Yours truly

J. L. L. Ward

R. C. Aiers Esq

Deputy Commissioner of Police

W. H. K. C.
27/2
C. H. A. A. A.

25, Peking Road.

Shanghai, February 27th, 1931.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE C. & S. D. REC. No. S. B. D. 1963. 27 - 2 - 31

Dear Sir,

In consequence of an anonymous letter received by the Criminal Investigation Department towards the end of last month, Police inquiries were instituted into a case of alleged poisoning by me of my wife, Nellie Villas. As a result of the above, the Police are perfectly satisfied that this accusation is both groundless and malicious. In this connection, I enclose a copy of a certificate dated the 10th instant, issued, at my request, by Dr. Kastein, which is a further proof of the absurdity of the allegation.

Mrs. Villas is of a peculiar mentality, and possibly aggravated by her ailment, she had often expressed a desire, should her case prove incurable, to do away with herself. Under the circumstances, I am writing to you to place on record that, notwithstanding the fact that we are at present under the same roof, I shall not be answerable for any rash acts on her part.

Yours faithfully,

Glenn

The Capt. Superintendent.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Hongkong Police Station.

29/1/31.

Record No. S. B. D. 1662

No. S. B. D. 1963

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OF REPORT

Allegations in anonymous letter against
one George Villa.

Sir,

Further to my report of 27th instant.

Mr. Tizon reported to me on the evening of 28/1/31
the result of his inquiries:-

On 28/1/31 he went to 92-a Scott Road ostensibly
on a friendly visit to Mrs. Villas whom he knows as an
old acquaintance. (She is Cantonese and married to Villa
about ten years and is about 40 years old), she was in
bed when he called and appeared very ill. After some
ordinary conversation she made a long rambling statement,
the gist of which was:-

That her husband for the past 18 months has been
keeping company with a Miss Lesvinasse who is his sister-
in-law (sister of his brother's, Jose R. Villas, 684 Rue
Lafayette, wife) and to marry her he wished the present
wife to die. That a Madame Soo, fortune teller, came to
the house (92-a) in July last year to "annly black magic
against her life", and that the husband had been trying
Chinese superstitious practices to get rid of her,
including the use of certain Chinese drugs which causes
lethargic sleep etc. That she had previously had been
attended by Dr. Martelliere (No. 215 Sassoon Building) and
Dr. Schwarzenberg (1 Kiukiang Road) and was now being
attended by Dr. Kastien (1 Kiukiang Road) and had informed
the latter to hold a post-mortem on her when she died.
That if he (Tizon) doubted her, for him to see a Mrs.
Remedios or a Mrs. Tomlin (addresses unknown); She denied
writing the letter signed "outcry".

According to Tizon the woman appeared quite normal
when speaking to him.

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Certain friends of the Villas family say that the woman's story of the alleged poisoning is common knowledge among them and they do not take it seriously. They say Mrs. Villas is of a harsh, money-grabbing and irascible character.

The husband George Villas is a clerk in the office of Messrs. Platt & Co., 23 Peking Road, and is given a high character by his friends.

On 29/1/31 I interviewed Dr. Kastien at 1 Kiukiang Road. He informed me Mrs. Villas had told him the same story, but that he could not find any signs or symptoms of poisoning, and that she was really suffering from a very bad heart and he did not expect her to live long. The Doctor also informed me that he analysed a Chinese medicine which she gave him, and which she said was being put in her food. He found it mostly sulphur and not at all dangerous, unless an abnormally large quantity was taken at one time. As to her request to him for a post-mortem when she died, the Dr. said he would like to do so for the purpose of examining her heart which was one of the worst he had experienced.

The address 82-A Scott Road is situated about 200 yards off later road on a small road called S-tuh Road not policed by us, and the number is not S.M.C. The house is large and in its own grounds and is Villas' own property. Villas is a Spanish subject which fact I have informed the U. S. District Attorney.

Whilst the Doctor's statement disposes of the allegation of attempt poisoning, the affair is not being lost sight of in case the writer of the letter may be traced (assuming the wife did not do so).

30 JAN 1931

A. C. P. Smith

A.C.D.I.

*As to Dr. Kastien's
services, I am
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foundation for allegation
of an attempt to
poisoning a letter by
Dr. Kastien to write to
the Dr. and to
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Hong Kong Police Station.

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Allegations in anonymous letter against one
George Villa, Filipino, 92-a Scott Road.

Sir,

Reference attached letter signed "outcry" I interviewed Dr. Sellet, U.S. District Attorney and showed him the letter on 27/1/31. He informed me that the name George Villa was not on their register for 1930, but even so, the American Authorities took jurisdiction over Filipinos.

Discussing the attached letter with me the District Attorney agreed that direct inquiries at 92-a Scott Road at present might lead nowhere and there appeared no urgency. The letter may only be the result of jealousy (the writing appears feminine).

I informed the U.S. District Attorney that I was having discreet inquiries made re. Villa and the contents of the letter, and he (District Attorney) then instructed a Mr. Samone (Filipino attached to the U.S. Court) to do likewise and report to him.

I obtained Supt. Robertson's (Special Branch) permission for Clerical Assistant Tizon to make discreet inquiries.

Mr. Tizon informed me he knew George Villa, (who has long residence in Shanghai,) but he had not heard any rumours such as contained in the letter attached. Villa has a brother in the Special Police.

Mr. Tizon is to inform me immediately if he finds there is any truth in the letter; he will give me definite information on 29th instant. Meanwhile discreet investigations are being made in the vicinity of 92-a Scott Road.

The U.S. District Attorney and I have arranged for an exchange of the information obtained from our respective

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sources. If nothing satisfactory can be ascertained from discreet inquiries by 29th instant, I will suggest a visit to the house for direct inquiries.

Wm Mac Dermott
A/C.D.I.

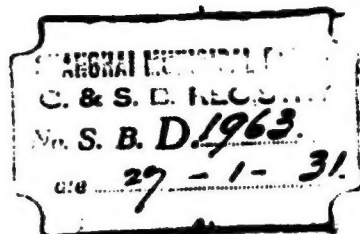
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*W. A. G. (G.)
C. S. G. (G.)*

(Secret
information)



Shanghai Municipal Police
Detective!

It may be of interest for
you to know that a strange case
is happening in 92 A Scott Road.
It is very serious. A Filipino name
George Villa and his wife are
the residents of the above address.
They were married ten years ago.
The Filipino George Villa getting
tired of his wife and ~~he~~ became
interested in his brother's wife's sister,
is now attempting the life of his
wife. The wife is in a
very precarious position. She
got a very peculiar kind of
sickness — poisoning.
The wife may die any moment.
In case she died the husband
is responsible.

A man servant is
also suspicious }

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